

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A flame-retardant composition, comprising: (A) 100 parts by weight of a polycarbonate resin, (B) from 0.2 to 10 parts by weight of a core/shell grafted rubbery elastomer, (C) from 0.02 to 5 parts by weight of an organic alkali metal salt and/or an organic alkaline earth metal salt, and (D) from 0.02 to 3 parts by weight of a polyfluoro-olefin resin; and

wherein, the core of the grafted rubbery elastomer comprises a polymer prepared from alkyl acrylate or alkyl methacrylate monomers; or alkyl acrylate or alkyl methacrylate monomers, each with one or more additional monomers; or a polysiloxane rubber; and

wherein, the composition does not contain a phosphate-containing flame retardant and does not contain a ~~halogen~~ halogen-containing flame retardant ~~containing Cl, Br or I, other~~ than component (D).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, further containing (E), from 0.1 to 10 parts by weight, relative to 100 parts by weight of the polycarbonate resin (A), of a silicone compound.

Claims 3-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the core of the grafted rubbery elastomer is at least 40% by weight of the grafted rubbery elastomer.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 2, wherein the silicone compound is an organopolysiloxane having a basic structure of a general formula (1):



wherein  $R^1$  indicates a functional group selected from hydroxyl group, alkoxyl group, epoxy group, vinyl group, aryloxy group, carboxyl group, silanol group, hydride group, polyoxyalkylene group, amino group, or mercapto group;  $R^2$  indicates a hydrocarbon residue having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms; and a and b are numbers satisfying the relations of  $0 < a \leq 3$ ,  $0 \leq b < 3$ , and  $0 < a + b \leq 3$ .

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the polyfluoro-olefin resin is a polytetrafluoroethylene having the ability to form fibrils and having a mean molecular weight of at least 500,000.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the polycarbonate resin has a viscosity-average molecular weight of from 15,000 to 25,000.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, which satisfies the standard of UL94/5VA (2.5 mm) or UL94/5VB (2.5 mm).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A housing or a part of an electric or electronic appliance, which comprises the flame-retardant composition of Claim 1.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the polysiloxane rubber is in the form of a composite rubber.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the polysiloxane rubber is combined with a polyacryl(meth)acrylate rubber to form a composite rubber.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 16, wherein the polysiloxane rubber component comprises 5 to 95% by weight of the composite rubber.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the alkyl acrylates are selected from ethylacrylate, butylacrylate or 2-ethylhexylacrylate.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The flame-rétardant composition of Claim 1, wherein one or more vinylic monomers are polymerized in the ~~present~~ presence of the core of the grafted rubbery elastomer.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 20, wherein the vinylic monomers are selected from aromatic vinyl compounds, alkyl acrylates, alkyl methacrylates, vinyl cyanide compounds or vinyl esters.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 20, wherein the vinylic monomers are selected from styrene,  $\alpha$ -methyl styrene, methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, acrylonitrile, methacrylonitrile, vinyl acetate or vinyl propionate.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the core of the grafted rubbery elastomer is grafted with an acrylic polymer.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the grafted rubbery elastomer comprises n-butylacrylate and graft copolymers of styrene and methylethacrylate, ~~and n-butylacrylate~~.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, further comprising a crosslinking agent.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 25, wherein the crosslinking agent is selected from divinylbenzene, ethylene dimethacrylate, triallyl cyanurate, or triallyl isocyanurate.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The flame-retardant composition of Claim 1, wherein the composition comprises an organic aliphatic alkali metal salt and/or an organic aliphatic alkaline earth metal salt.